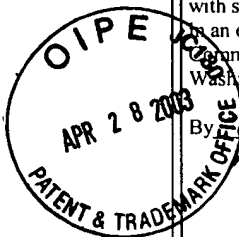


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By

*James A. Delaney*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MINORU ITOU

Application No.: 10/033,022

Filed: December 26, 2001

For: BICYCLE BRAKE DEVICE

) Examiner: T. Williams

) Art Unit: 3683

) AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

B1  
A cable connecting apparatus includes a cable sleeve adapted to receive the outer casing of a control cable; a guide having a first end portion and a second end portion for movably supporting the cable sleeve; and a biasing device for biasing the cable sleeve toward the second end portion of the guide. In another device, a connecting member is provided for connecting a portion of a first inner wire located between a first outer casing and a second outer casing to a portion of a second inner wire disposed between a third outer casing and a fourth outer casing, wherein the connector moves together with the first inner wire and the second inner wire. A position confirmation means allows the position of at least one of the first outer casing, the second outer casing, the third outer casing and the fourth outer casing to be visually confirmed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ Request to Consider Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 97(c).
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503).

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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SMALL ENTITY	
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TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
x18=	\$
x84=	\$
+280=	\$
TOTAL	\$-0-

☐ No fee is due.☐ Claims fee \$\_\_\_\_\_☐ Extension of time fee \$\_\_\_\_\_☒ IDS fee \$ 180☒ A check for \$ 180 is enclosed.

Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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